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BEAUCAGE NAMED TO HOCKEY COACHING STAFF

Yves Beauchage, a former assistant coach of the McGill Redmen, has joined the Stingers for the 1988-89 season. Beauchage, a resident of the Town of Mount Royal, was with the McGill Hockey program for seven years. He was a star forward for the Redmen from 1980-84 missing only 1 game in his four seasons.

Beauchage, at age 27, is one of the brightest young minds in Canadian Hockey.

"I feel he can contribute a great deal to our program," said Head coach Paul Arsenault.

His responsibilities will include: recruiting, video analysis, and player development. Beauchage was the first full-time assistant coach for the Redmen hockey team in 1985-86.

He was a former team captain of the Redmen and will provide guidance and leadership to the younger players.

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
"STINGERS"**

HOME ICE:	Loyola Rink	HOMETOWN:	Montreal, Que
TEAM COLORS:	Maroon, gold, & White	ENROLLMENT:	25,000
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COACHING STAFF:	Paul Arsenault	ASSISTANT:	Doug Gagnon, Yves Beaucage

RETURNEES: Richard Laplante (O.U.A.A. All-Star), Mark Mahon (F), Tod Button (F), Mike Pratt (F), Blake Hambleton (F), Andre Lefebvre (D), Paul Brophy (F), Sean Muncaster (G), Todd Adams (D), Rob Boyle (F), Allan Rekunyk (F).

KEY NEWCOMERS: Robert Desjardins (G), Greg Hubert (G), E.J. Janiszewski (D), Louis Leger (D), Steve Simpson (F), John Gravelle (F).

The Concordia Stingers will look to continue their assault on the top teams in the C.I.A.U. this season. Concordia made a major comeback last season after going 2-15-1 in 1986-87. The Stingers fashioned a 12-11-2 in the O.U.A.A. and were ranked in Canada's top ten on three separate occasions last year. Concordia held their own against national finalists York and Western, losing by identical 3-1 scores.

A fine nucleus returns for the 1988-89 campaign. Among the list of returnees is one of the most explosive players in Canadian College hockey. Richard Laplante (5'11 - 188) finished fourth in O.U.A.A. scoring. His 31 goals and 29 assists helped him garner O.U.A.A. all-star honors.

Several other veterans will be back for the maroon and gold. Captain Mark Mahon (510-182) returns for his third season with the Stingers. Mahon was the second leading scorer with 52 points in 32 games. He also led the team in the playoffs, finishing with five goals and six assists. Veteran Paul Brophy (5'9-172) enters his fourth season with the Stingers. Brophy is one of the top penalty killers in the country and averaged over a point per game last year. Tough winger Rob Boyle (61 - 218) returns to the Stinger fold after a year layoff. Boyle was a leader for Concordia in his first two seasons and will provide some much needed size in the Stinger attack.

Key losses for the Stingers include All-Star defenceman Martin Foy (4-15-19), All-Star goaltender Dave Sharpe (4.16 G.A.) and the O.U.A.A. East Divisions fourth leading scorer, Andre Chartrain (16-25-41). Overall, the Stingers have lost 14 players.

Paul Arsenault, the second winningest coach in Canadian College hockey (565 wins), has recruited well for the upcoming season. Robert Desjardins (Victoriaville; Q.M.J.H.L.) and Greg Hubert (Seattle; W.H.L.) should give the Stingers one of the top goaltending tandems in the C.I.A.U. The Stingers have also added C.E.G.E.P. All-Stars E.J. Janiszewski and Louis Leger on defence. U.N.B. transfer John Gravelle, one of the A.U.A.A.'s leading scorers in 1986-87, will add some punch to the Stinger's offensive attack.

In summary, if All-Canadian candidate Richard Laplante can improve on his splendid first year and the Stinger's young defence comes together, Concordia can challenge for the division title.